

# Classification of integrable hydrodynamic chains

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**Abstract** Using the method of hydrodynamic reductions, we find all integrable infinite (1+1)-dimensional hydrodynamic-type chains of shift one. A class of integrable infinite (2+1)-dimensional hydrodynamic-type chains is constructed.

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# 1 Introduction

We consider integrable infinite quasilinear chains of the form

$$u_{\alpha,t} = \phi_{\alpha,1}u_{1,x} + \cdots + \phi_{\alpha,\alpha+1}u_{\alpha+1,x}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, \quad \phi_{\alpha,\alpha+1} \neq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\phi_{\alpha,j} = \phi_{\alpha,j}(u_1, \dots, u_{\alpha+1})$ . Two chains are called *equivalent* if they are related by a transformation of the form

$$u_{\alpha} \rightarrow \Psi_{\alpha}(u_1, \dots, u_{\alpha}), \quad \frac{\partial \Psi_{\alpha}}{\partial u_{\alpha}} \neq 0, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.2)$$

By integrability we mean the existence of an infinite set of hydrodynamic reductions [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].

**Example 1.** The Benney equations [7, 8, 9]

$$u_{1,t} = u_{2,x}, \quad u_{2,t} = u_1u_{1,x} + u_{3,x}, \dots \quad u_{\alpha t} = (\alpha - 1)u_{\alpha-1}u_{1,x} + u_{\alpha+1,x}, \dots \quad (1.3)$$

provide the most known example of integrable chain (1.1). The hydrodynamic reductions for the Benney chain were investigated in [10].  $\square$

In [4, 5, 6] integrable divergent chains of the form

$$u_{1t} = F_1(u_1, u_2)_x, \quad u_{2t} = F_2(u_1, u_2, u_3)_x, \dots, \quad u_{it} = F_i(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{i+1})_x, \dots \quad (1.4)$$

were considered. In [6] some necessary integrability conditions were obtained. Namely, a non-linear overdetermined system of PDEs for functions  $F_1, F_2$  was presented. The general solution of the system was not found. Another open problem was to prove that the conditions are sufficient. In other words, for any solution  $F_1, F_2$  of the system one should find functions  $F_i, i > 2$  such that the resulting chain is integrable.

Probably any integrable chain (1.1) is equivalent to a divergent chain. However, the divergent coordinates are not suitable for explicit formulas. Our main observation is that a convenient coordinates are those, in which the so-called Gibbons-Tsarev type system (GT-system) related to integrable chain is in a canonical form.

Using our version (see [11, 12]) of the hydrodynamic reduction method, we describe all integrable chains (1.1). We establish an one-to-one correspondence between integrable chains (1.1) and infinite triangular GT-systems of the form

$$\partial_i p_j = \frac{P(p_i, p_j)}{p_i - p_j} \partial_i u_1, \quad i \neq j, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\partial_i \partial_j u_1 = \frac{Q(p_i, p_j)}{(p_i - p_j)^2} \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1, \quad i \neq j, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\partial_i u_m = (g_{m,0} + g_{m,1}p_i + \cdots + g_{m,m-1}p_i^{m-1}) \partial_i u_1, \quad g_{m,j} = g_{m,j}(u_1, \dots, u_m), \quad g_{m,m-1} \neq 0,$$

where  $m = 2, 3, \dots$  and  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ . The functions  $P, Q$  are polynomials quadratic in each of variables  $p_i$  and  $p_j$ , with coefficients being functions of  $u_1, u_2$ . The functions  $p_1, p_2, p_3, u_1, u_2, \dots$  in (3.11) depend on  $r^1, r^2, r^3$ , and  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial r^i}$ .

**Example 1-1** (continuation of Example 1.) The system (1.5), (1.6) corresponding to the Benney chain has the following form

$$\partial_i p_j = \frac{\partial_i u_1}{p_i - p_j}, \quad \partial_i \partial_j u_1 = \frac{2 \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1}{(p_i - p_j)^2}, \quad (1.7)$$

$$\partial_i u_m = (-(m-2)u_{m-2} - \dots - 2u_2 p_i^{m-2} - u_1 p_i^{m-3} + p_i^{m-1}) \partial_i u_1. \quad (1.8)$$

Equations (1.7) were firstly obtained in [10].  $\square$

Given GT-system (1.5), (1.6) the coefficients of (1.1) are uniquely defined by the following relations

$$p_i \partial_i u_m = \phi_{m,1} \partial_i u_1 + \dots + \phi_{m,m+1} \partial_i u_{m+1}, \quad m = 2, 3, \dots \quad (1.9)$$

Namely, equating the coefficients at different powers of  $p_i$  in (1.9), we get a triangular system of linear algebraic equations for  $\phi_{i,j}$ . Thus, the classification problem for chains (1.1) is reduced to a description of all GT-systems (1.5), (1.6). The latter problem is solved in Section 4-6.

The paper is organized as follows. Following [11, 12], we recall main definitions in Section 2 (see [1, 2, 3, 11] for details). We consider only 3-component hydrodynamic reductions since the existence of reductions with  $N > 3$  gives nothing new [1]. In Section 3 we formulate our previous results that are needed in the paper. Section 4 is devoted to a classification of admissible polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$  in (1.5), (1.6). In Sections 5,6 we construct integrable chains for the generic case and for some degenerations. Section 6 also contains examples of (2+1)-dimensional infinite hydrodynamic-type chains integrable from the viewpoint of the method of hydrodynamic reductions. Infinitesimal symmetries of GT-systems are studied in Section 7. These symmetries seem to be important basic objects in the hydrodynamic reduction approach.

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## 2 Integrable chains and hydrodynamic reductions

According to [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] a chain (1.1) is called *integrable* if it admits sufficiently many so-called hydrodynamic reductions.

**Definition.** A hydrodynamic (1+1)-dimensional  $N$ -component reduction of a chain (1.1) is a semi-Hamiltonian (see formula (3.18)) system of the form

$$r_t^i = p_i(r^1, \dots, r^N) r_x^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \quad (2.10)$$

and functions  $u_j(r^1, \dots, r^N)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  such that for each solution of (2.10) functions  $u_j = u_j(r^1, \dots, r^N)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots$  satisfy (1.1).

Substituting  $u_i = u_i(r^1, \dots, r^N)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots$  into (1.1), calculating  $t$  and  $x$ -derivatives by virtue of (2.10) and equating coefficients at  $r_x^s$  to zero, we obtain

$$\partial_s u_\alpha p_s = \phi_{\alpha,1} \partial_s u_1 + \dots + \phi_{\alpha,\alpha+1} \partial_s u_{\alpha+1}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots$$

It is clear from this system that

$$\partial_s u_k = g_k(p_s, u_1, \dots, u_k) \partial_s u_1, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

where  $g_k(p, u_1, \dots, u_k)$  is a polynomial of degree  $k - 1$  in  $p$  for each  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ . Compatibility conditions  $\partial_i \partial_j u_k = \partial_j \partial_i u_k$  give us a system of linear equations for  $\partial_i p_j$ ,  $\partial_j p_i$ ,  $\partial_i \partial_j u_1$ ,  $i \neq j$ . This system should have a solution (otherwise we would not have sufficiently many reductions). Moreover, expressions for  $\partial_s u_k$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ ,  $\partial_j p_i$ ,  $\partial_i \partial_j u_1$ ,  $i \neq j$  should be compatible and form a so-called GT-system.

**Remark.** In the sequel we assume  $N = 3$  because the case  $N > 3$  gives nothing new [1].

### 3 GT-systems

**Definition.** A compatible system of PDEs of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i p_j &= f(p_i, p_j, u_1, \dots, u_n), \quad \partial_i u_1 \quad j \neq i, \\ \partial_i \partial_j u_1 &= h(p_i, p_j, u_1, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1, \quad j \neq i, \\ \partial_i u_k &= g_k(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_1, \quad k = 1, \dots, n-1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  is called *n-fields GT-system*. Here  $p_1, p_2, p_3$ ,  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are functions of  $r^1, r^2, r^3$  and  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial r^i}$ .

**Definition.** Two GT-systems are called *equivalent* if they are related by a transformation of the form

$$p_i \rightarrow \lambda(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_n), \quad (3.12)$$

$$u_k \rightarrow \mu_k(u_1, \dots, u_n), \quad k = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.13)$$

**Example 2** [13]. Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  be arbitrary constants,  $R(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$ . Then the system

$$\partial_i p_j = \frac{a_2 p_j^2 + a_1 p_j + a_0}{p_i - p_j} \partial_i u_1, \quad \partial_i \partial_j u_1 = \frac{2a_2 p_i p_j + a_1(p_i + p_j) + 2a_0}{(p_i - p_j)^2} \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1 \quad (3.14)$$

is an one-field GT-system. The original Gibbons-Tsarev system (1.7) corresponds to  $a_2 = a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ . The polynomial  $R(x)$  can be reduced to one of the following canonical forms:  $R = 1$ ,

$R = x$ ,  $R = x^2$ , or  $R = x(x - 1)$  by a linear transformation (3.12). A wide class of integrable 3D-systems of hydrodynamic type related to (3.14) is described in [13]. An elliptic version of this GT-system and the corresponding integrable 3D-systems were constructed in [15].  $\square$

**Definition.** An additional system

$$\partial_i u_k = g_k(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_{n+m}) \partial_i u_n, \quad k = n + 1, \dots, n + m \quad (3.15)$$

such that (3.11) and (3.15) are compatible is called *an extension* of (3.11) by fields  $u_{n+1}, \dots, u_{n+m}$ .

It turns out that

$$\partial_i u_{n+1} = f(p_i, u_{n+1}, u_1, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_1$$

is an extension for GT-system (3.11). Stress that here  $f$  is the same function as in (3.11). We call this extension *the regular extension* by  $u_{n+1}$ .

**Example 2-1.** The generic case of Example 2 corresponds to  $R = x(x - 1)$ . The regular extension by  $u_2$  is given by

$$\partial_i u_2 = \frac{u_2(u_2 - 1)}{p_i - u_2} \partial_i u_1.$$

If we express  $u_1$  from this formula and substitute it to (3.14), we get the following one-field GT-system

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i p_j &= \frac{p_j(p_j - 1)(p_i - u_1)}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(p_i - p_j)} \partial_i u_1, \\ \partial_i \partial_j u_1 &= \frac{p_i p_j (p_i + p_j) - p_i^2 - p_j^2 + (p_i^2 + p_j^2 - 4p_i p_j + p_i + p_j) u_1}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(p_i - p_j)^2} \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1. \quad \square \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

The second basic notion of the hydrodynamic reduction method is so-called GT-family of (1+1)-dimensional hydrodynamic-type systems.

**Definition.** An (1+1)-dimensional 3-component hydrodynamic-type system of the form

$$r_t^i = v^i(r^1, \dots, r^N) r_x^i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (3.17)$$

is called semi-Hamiltonian if the following relation holds

$$\partial_j \frac{\partial_i v^k}{v^i - v^k} = \partial_i \frac{\partial_j v^k}{v^j - v^k}, \quad i \neq j \neq k. \quad (3.18)$$

**Definition.** A Gibbons-Tsarev family associated with the Gibbons-Tsarev type system (4.25) is a (1+1)-dimensional hydrodynamic-type system of the form

$$r_t^i = F(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_m) r_x^i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (3.19)$$

semi-Hamiltonian by virtue of (3.11).

**Example 2-2** [13]. Applying the regular extension to the generic GT-system (3.14) two times, we get the following GT-system:

$$\partial_i p_j = \frac{p_j(p_j - 1)}{p_i - p_j} \partial_i w, \quad \partial_{ij} w = \frac{2p_i p_j - p_i - p_j}{(p_i - p_j)^2} \partial_i w \partial_j w, \quad i \neq j, \quad (3.20)$$

$$\partial_i u_j = \frac{u_j(u_j - 1) \partial_i w}{p_i - u_j}, \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (3.21)$$

Consider the generalized hypergeometric [14] linear system of the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial u_j \partial u_k} = \frac{s_j}{u_j - u_k} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_k} + \frac{s_k}{u_k - u_j} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}, \quad j \neq k, \quad (3.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial u_j \partial u_j} = & - \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n+2} s_k \right) \frac{s_j}{u_j(u_j - 1)} \cdot h + \frac{s_j}{u_j(u_j - 1)} \sum_{k \neq j}^n \frac{u_k(u_k - 1)}{u_k - u_j} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_k} + \\ & \left( \sum_{k \neq j}^n \frac{s_k}{u_j - u_k} + \frac{s_j + s_{n+1}}{u_j} + \frac{s_j + s_{n+2}}{u_j - 1} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Here  $i, j = 1, 2$  and  $s_1, \dots, s_4$  are arbitrary parameters. It easy to verify that this system is in involution and therefore the solution space is 3-dimensional. Let  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  be a basis of this space. For any  $h$  we put

$$S(p, h) = u_1(u_1 - 1)(p - u_2) \frac{h h_{1,u_1} - h_{u_1} h_1}{h_1} + u_2(u_2 - 1)(p - u_1) \frac{h h_{1,u_2} - h_{u_2} h_1}{h_1}.$$

Then the formula

$$F = \frac{S(p, h_3)}{S(p, h_2)} \quad (3.24)$$

defines the generic linear fractional GT-family for (3.20).  $\square$

## 4 Canonical forms of GT-systems associated with integrable chains

For integrable chains the corresponding GT-systems involve infinite number of fields  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  (see Example 1-1). In this Section we show that these GT-systems are equivalent to infinite triangular extensions of one-field GT-systems from Examples 2,3.

A compatible system of PDEs of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i p_j &= f(p_i, p_j, u_1, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_1, \quad i \neq j, \\ \partial_i u_k &= g_k(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_k) \partial_i u_1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

$$\partial_i \partial_j u_1 = h(p_i, p_j, u_1, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1, \quad i \neq j,$$

where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  is called *triangular GT-system*. Here  $p_1, p_2, p_3, u_1, u_2, \dots$  are functions of  $r^1, r^2, r^3$ , and  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial r^i}$ .

**Definition.** A chain (1.1) is called integrable if there exists a Gibbons-Tsarev type system of the form (4.25) and a Gibbons-Tsarev family

$$r_t^i = F(p_i, u_1, \dots, u_m) r_x^i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (4.26)$$

such that (1.1) holds by virtue of (4.25), (4.26).

Due to the equivalence transformations (3.12) we can assume without loss of generality that

$$F(p, u_1, \dots, u_m) = p. \quad (4.27)$$

Under this assumption we have

$$u_{j,t} = \sum_s \partial_s u_j r_t^s = \sum_s \partial_s u_j p_s r_x^s.$$

and similar

$$u_{j,x} = \sum_s \partial_s u_j r_x^s.$$

Substituting these expressions into (1.1) and equating coefficients at  $r_x^s$  to zero, we obtain

$$\partial_s u_\alpha p_s = \phi_{\alpha,1} \partial_s u_1 + \dots + \phi_{\alpha,\alpha+1} \partial_s u_{\alpha+1}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots$$

Using (4.25) and replacing  $p_s$  by  $p$ , we get

$$p = \phi_{1,1} + \phi_{1,2} g_2, \quad p g_2 = \phi_{2,1} + \phi_{2,2} g_2 + \phi_{2,3} g_3, \quad p g_3 = \phi_{3,1} + \phi_{3,2} g_2 + \phi_{3,3} g_3 + \phi_{3,4} g_4, \dots$$

Solving this system with respect to  $g_2, g_3, \dots$ , we obtain

$$g_i(p) = \psi_{i,0} + \psi_{i,1} p + \dots + \psi_{i,i-1} p^{i-1}.$$

Here  $\psi_{i,j}$  are functions of  $u_1, \dots, u_i$ . For example,

$$g_2 = -\frac{p}{\phi_{1,2}} - \frac{\phi_{1,1}}{\phi_{1,2}}. \quad (4.28)$$

**Remark.** Since we assume that  $\phi_{i,i-1} \neq 0$ , we have  $\psi_{i,i-1} \neq 0$  for all  $i$ . Therefore  $g_1 = 1, g_2, \dots$  is a basis in the linear space of all polynomials in  $p$ . The coefficients  $\phi_{i,j}$  of our chain are just entries of the matrix of multiplication by  $p$  in this basis. More generally, if we don't normalize  $F = p$ , then the coefficients  $\phi_{i,j}$  can be found from the equations

$$\begin{aligned} F(p) &= \phi_{1,1} + \phi_{1,2} g_2, & F(p) g_2 &= \phi_{2,1} + \phi_{2,2} g_2 + \phi_{2,3} g_3, \\ F(p) g_3 &= \phi_{3,1} + \phi_{3,2} g_2 + \phi_{3,3} g_3 + \phi_{3,4} g_4, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$



Compatibility conditions  $\partial_i \partial_j u_\alpha = \partial_j \partial_i u_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = 2, 3, 4$  give a system of linear equations for  $\partial_i p_j$ ,  $\partial_j p_i$ ,  $\partial_i \partial_j u_1$ . Solving this system, we obtain formulas (1.5), (1.6), where in principal  $P$ ,  $Q$  could depend on  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ . However, it follows from compatibility conditions  $\partial_i \partial_j p_k = \partial_j \partial_i p_k$  that  $P$ ,  $Q$  depend on  $u_1, u_2$  only.

Written (1.5) in the form

$$\partial_i p_j = \left( \frac{R(p_j)}{p_i - p_j} + (z_4 p_j^2 + z_5 p_j + z_6) p_i + z_4 p_j^3 + z_3 p_j^2 + z_7 p_j + z_8 \right) \partial_i u_1, \quad (4.30)$$

where  $R(x) = z_4 x^4 + z_3 x^3 + z_2 x^2 + z_1 x + z_0$ , one can derive from the compatibility conditions  $\partial_i \partial_j p_k = \partial_j \partial_i p_k$ ,  $\partial_i \partial_j u_1 = \partial_j \partial_i u_1$  that the equation (1.6) has the following form

$$\partial_i \partial_j u_1 = \left( \frac{2z_4 p_i^2 p_j^2 + z_3 p_i p_j (p_i + p_j) + z_2 (p_i^2 + p_j^2) + z_1 (p_i + p_j) + 2z_0}{(p_i - p_j)^2} + z_9 \right) \partial_i u_1 \partial_j u_1. \quad (4.31)$$

It is easy to verify that we can normalize  $z_9 = z_6 - z_7$ ,  $g_2 = p$  by a transformation (1.2). Then the coefficients  $z_i(x, y)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 8$  satisfy the following pair of compatible dynamical systems with respect to  $y$  and  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z_{0,y} &= 2z_0 z_5 - z_1 z_6, & z_{1,y} &= 4z_0 z_4 + z_1 z_5 - 2z_2 z_6, & z_{2,y} &= 3z_1 z_4 - 3z_3 z_6, \\ z_{3,y} &= 2z_2 z_4 - z_3 z_5 - 4z_4 z_6, & z_{4,y} &= z_3 z_4 - 2z_4 z_5, & z_{5,y} &= z_4 z_7 - z_4 z_6 - z_5^2, \\ z_{6,y} &= z_4 z_8 - z_5 z_6, & z_{7,y} &= 2z_1 z_4 - 2z_3 z_6 - z_5 z_6 + z_4 z_8, & z_{8,y} &= 2z_0 z_4 - z_6^2 - z_6 z_7 + z_5 z_8, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z_{0,x} &= -z_0 z_2 - z_0 z_6 + 3z_0 z_7 - z_1 z_8, & z_{1,x} &= -z_1 z_2 + 3z_0 z_3 - z_1 z_6 + 2z_1 z_7 - 2z_2 z_8, \\ z_{2,x} &= -z_2^2 + 2z_1 z_3 + 4z_0 z_4 - z_2 z_6 + z_2 z_7 - 3z_3 z_8, & z_{3,x} &= 3z_1 z_4 - z_3 z_6 - 4z_4 z_8, \\ z_{4,x} &= z_2 z_4 - z_4 z_6 - z_4 z_7, & z_{5,x} &= z_1 z_4 - z_5 z_6 - z_4 z_8, & z_{6,x} &= z_0 z_4 - z_6^2, \\ z_{7,x} &= z_1 z_3 + 3z_0 z_4 + z_1 z_5 - z_2 z_6 - z_2 z_7 + z_7^2 - z_3 z_8 - 2z_5 z_8, \\ z_{8,x} &= z_0 z_3 + z_0 z_5 - z_2 z_8 - 2z_6 z_8 + z_7 z_8. \end{aligned}$$

These is a complete description of the GT-systems related to integrable chains (1.1).

To solve the dynamical systems we bring the polynomial  $R$  to a canonical form sacrificing to the normalization (4.27).

It is obvious that linear transformations  $p_i \rightarrow ap_i + b$ , where  $a, b$  are functions of  $u_1, u_2$ , preserve the form of GT-system (4.30), (4.31). Moreover, there exist transformations of the form

$$p_i = \frac{a\bar{p}_i + b}{\bar{p}_i - \psi}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (4.32)$$

preserving the form of GT-system (4.30),(4.31). Such admissible transformations are described by the following conditions:

$$a_{u_2} = z_4(b + a\psi), \quad b_{u_2} = z_4b\psi + z_5b - z_6a, \quad \psi_{u_2} = z_4\psi^2 + z_5\psi + z_6.$$

Under transformations (4.32) the polynomial  $R$  is transformed by the following simple way:

$$R(p_i) \rightarrow (p_i - \psi)^4 R\left(\frac{ap_i + b}{p_i - \psi}\right).$$

Suppose that  $R$  has distinct roots. It is possible to verify that by an admissible transformation (4.32) we can move three of the four roots to 0, 1 and  $\infty$ . It follows from compatibility conditions for the GT-system that then the fourth root  $\lambda(u_1, u_2)$  does not depend on  $u_2$ . Making transformation of the form  $u_1 \rightarrow q(u_1)$  we arrive at the canonical forms  $\lambda = u_1$  or  $\lambda = \text{const}$ . It is straightforwardly verified that in the first case equations (4.30), (4.31) coincides with (3.16). In the second case the GT-system does not exist.

In the case of multiple roots the polynomial  $R(x)$  can be reduced to one of the following forms:  $R = 0$ ,  $R = 1$ ,  $R = x$ ,  $R = x^2$ , or  $R = x(x - 1)$ . In all these cases equations (4.30), (4.31) coincides with the corresponding equations from Example 2.

Thus, the following statement is valid:

**Proposition 1.** There are 6 non-equivalent cases of GT-systems (4.30), (4.31). The canonical forms are:

- Case 1 :** (3.16) (generic case);
- Case 2 :** (3.14) with  $R(x) = x(x - 1)$ ;
- Case 3 :** (3.14) with  $R(x) = x^2$ ;
- Case 4 :** (3.14) with  $R(x) = x$ ;
- Case 5 :** (3.14) with  $R(x) = 1$ .
- Case 6 :** (3.14) with  $R(x) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** Cases 2-6 can be obtained from Case 1 by appropriate limit procedures. For example, Case 2 corresponds to the limit  $u_1 \rightarrow \frac{u_1}{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

It follows from (4.27), (4.28) that for any canonical form the functions  $F$  and  $g_2$  have the following structure:

$$g_2(p_i) = \frac{k_1p_i + k_2}{k_3p_i + k_4}, \quad F(p_i) = \frac{f_1p_i + f_2}{k_3p_i + k_4}, \quad (4.33)$$

where the coefficients are functions of  $u_1, u_2$ .

**Lemma 1.** For the Case 1 any function  $g_2$  can be reduced by an appropriate transformation

$\bar{u}_2 = \sigma(u_1, u_2)$  to one of the following canonical forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a}_1 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{u_2(u_2 - 1)(p - u_1)}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(p - u_2)} \quad (\text{regular extension}); \\
\mathbf{b}_1 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{1}{p - u_1}; \\
\mathbf{c}_1 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{u_1^{-\lambda}(u_1 - 1)^{\lambda-1}}{p - \lambda} \quad \lambda = 1, 0; \\
\mathbf{d}_1 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{u_1 - u_2}{u_1(u_1 - 1)}p + \frac{u_2 - 1}{u_1 - 1}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The GT-system from the Case 1 possesses a discrete automorphism group  $S_4$  interchanging the points  $0, 1, \infty, u_1$ . The group is defined by generators

$$\sigma_1 : u_1 \rightarrow 1 - u_1, \quad p_i \rightarrow 1 - p_i, \quad \sigma_2 : u_1 \rightarrow \frac{u_1}{u_1 - 1}, \quad p_i \rightarrow \frac{p_i}{p_i - 1},$$

and

$$\sigma_3 : u_1 \rightarrow 1 - u_1, \quad p_i \rightarrow \frac{(1 - u_1)p_i}{p_i - u_1}.$$

Up to this group the cases  $b_1, c_1, d_1$  are equivalent and one can take say the case  $d_1$  for further consideration. The case  $a_1$  is invariant with respect to the group.

**Remark.** The cases  $b_1, c_1, d_1$  are degenerations of the case  $a_1$ . Namely, they can be obtained as appropriate limit  $u_2 \rightarrow u_1, u_2 \rightarrow \lambda, u_2 \rightarrow \infty$  correspondingly.

All possible functions  $g_2$  for Cases 2-5 are described in the following

**Lemma 2.** For the GT-system (3.14) (excluding Case 6) any function  $g_2$  can be reduced by an appropriate transformation  $\bar{u}_2 = \sigma(u_1, u_2)$  to one of the following canonical forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a}_2 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{R(u_2)}{p - u_2} \quad (\text{regular extension}); \\
\mathbf{b}_2 : \quad g_2(p) &= \frac{1}{p - \lambda}, \quad \text{where } R(\lambda) = 0; \\
\mathbf{c}_2 : \quad g_2(p) &= p - a_2 u_2.
\end{aligned}$$

The discrete automorphism of the GT-system interchanges the roots of  $R$  in the case  $b_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** For the GT-system (3.14) with  $R(x) = 0$  (Case 6) any function  $g_2$  can be reduced to  $g_2(p) = p$  by an appropriate transformation  $\bar{u}_2 = \sigma(u_1, u_2)$ . Furthermore, the corresponding triangular GT-system has the form

$$\partial_i p_j = 0, \quad \partial_i \partial_j u_1 = 0, \quad \partial_i u_k = p_i^{k-1} u_1, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \quad \square \quad (4.34)$$

## 5 Generic case

The next step in the classification is to find all functions  $F$  of the form (4.28) for each pair consisting of a GT-system from Proposition 1 and the corresponding  $g_2$  from Lemmas 1-3. The semi-Hamiltonian condition (3.18) yields a non-linear system of PDEs for the functions  $f_1(u_1, u_2)$ ,  $f_2(u_1, u_2)$ . For each case this system can be reduced to the linear generalized hypergeometric system (3.22), (3.23) with a special set of parameters  $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4$  or to a degeneration of this system.

The general linear fractional GT-family for the generic case 1,  $\mathbf{a}_1$  is given by (3.24). According to (4.33), the additional restriction is that the root of the denominator has to be equal  $u_2$ . It is easy to verify that this is equivalent to  $s_2 = 0, h_{1,u_2} = h_{2,u_2} = 0$ . The latter means that  $h_1(u_1), h_2(u_1)$  are linear independent solutions of the standard hypergeometric equation

$$u(u-1)h(u)'' + [s_1 + s_3 - (s_3 + s_4 + 2s_1)u]h(u)' + s_1(s_1 + s_3 + s_4 + 1)h(u) = 0. \quad (5.35)$$

The function  $h_3(u_1, u_2)$  is arbitrary solution of (3.22), (3.23) with  $s_2 = 0$  linearly independent of  $h_1(u_1), h_2(u_1)$ . Without loss of generality we can choose

$$h_3(u_1, u_2) = \int_0^{u_2} (t - u_1)^{s_1} t^{s_3} (t - 1)^{s_4} dt.$$

Formula (3.24) gives

$$F(p, u_1, u_2) = \frac{f_1(u_1, u_2)p - f_2(u_1, u_2)}{p - u_2}, \quad (5.36)$$

where

$$f_1 = \frac{u_2(u_2 - 1)h_1h_{3,u_2} + u_1(u_1 - 1)(h_1h_{3,u_1} - h_3h_1')}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(h_1h_2' - h_2h_1')},$$

$$f_2 = \frac{u_1u_2(u_2 - 1)h_1h_{3,u_2} + u_2u_1(u_1 - 1)(h_1h_{3,u_1} - h_3h_1')}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(h_1h_2' - h_2h_1')}.$$

Notice that  $h_1h_2' - h_2h_1' = \text{const}(u_1 - 1)^{s_1+s_4}u_1^{s_1+s_3}$ .

For integer values of  $s_1, s_3, s_4$  the hypergeometric system can be solved explicitly. For example, if  $s_1 = s_3 = s_4 = 0$ , the above formulas give rise to  $F = g_2$ . If  $s_4 = -2 - s_1 - s_3$  then

$$F = \frac{(u_2 - u_1)^{s_1+1}u_2^{s_3+1}(u_2 - 1)^{-1-s_1-s_3}}{p - u_2};$$

if  $s_4 = 0$ , then

$$F = \frac{(p - 1)(u_2 - u_1)^{s_1+1}u_2^{s_3+1}(u_1 - 1)^{-1-s_1}}{p - u_2}.$$

Now we are to find the functions  $g_3, g_4, \dots$  in (4.25). These functions are define up to arbitrary transformation (1.2), where  $\alpha = 3, 4, \dots$ . In practice, one can look for functions  $g_3, g_4, \dots$  linear in  $u_i, i > 2$  (cf. (1.8)). An extension linear in  $u_i, i > 2$  is given by

$$g_3(p) = -\frac{(u_1 - u_2)(u_2 - 1)p}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(p - u_2)^2},$$

$$g_i(p) = \frac{(i-3)(u_1-u_2)(u_2-1)p u_i}{u_1(u_1-1)(p-u_2)^2} - \frac{(u_1-u_2)^{i-3}(u_2-1)^2 p(p-u_1)(p-1)^{i-4}}{u_1(u_1-1)^{i-2}(p-u_2)^{i-1}} - \sum_{s=1}^{i-4} \frac{(i-s-2)(u_1-u_2)^s(u_2-1)^2 p(p-u_1)(p-1)^{s-1} u_{i-s}}{u_1(u_1-1)^{s+1}(p-u_2)^{s+2}}.$$

The coefficients of the chain (1.1) corresponding to Case 1,  $\mathbf{a}_1$  are determined from (4.29), where  $F$  is given by (5.36). Relations (4.29) are equivalent to a triangular system of linear algebraic equations. Solving this system, we find that for  $i > 4$  coefficients of the chain read:

$$\phi_{i,i+1} = \frac{(u_1-1)(f_1 u_2 - f_2)}{(u_2-1)(u_1-u_2)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Q_1, \quad \phi_{i,i} = \frac{f_2 - f_1}{u_2 - 1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Q_2,$$

$$\phi_{i,4} = -u_i Q_1, \quad \phi_{i,3} = -\left((u_4 + i - 3)u_i + (2 - i)u_{i+1}\right) Q_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_i,$$

and  $\phi_{i,j} = 0$  for all remaining  $i, j$ . For  $i \leq 4$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{1,1} &= \frac{f_1 u_1 - f_2}{u_1 - u_2}, & \phi_{1,2} &= -\frac{u_1}{u_2} Q_1, \\ \phi_{2,1} &= \frac{(u_2-1)(f_1 u_2 - f_2)}{(u_1-1)(u_1-u_2)}, & \phi_{2,2} &= \frac{f_2 u_1 - f_1 u_2^2}{u_2(u_1-u_2)}, & \phi_{2,3} &= f_1 u_2 - f_2, \\ \phi_{3,1} &= \phi_{3,2} = 0, & \phi_{3,3} &= Q_2 - (u_4 - 1)Q_1, & \phi_{3,4} &= -Q_1, \\ \phi_{4,1} &= \phi_{4,2} = 0, & \phi_{4,3} &= A_4, & \phi_{4,4} &= Q_2 - u_4 Q_1, & \phi_{4,5} &= Q_1. \end{aligned} \tag{5.37}$$

The explicit formulas for other cases of Proposition 1 can be obtained by limits from the above formulas. We outline the limit procedures for the case 1,  $\mathbf{d}_1$ . In this case the limit is given by  $u_2 \rightarrow u_1 + \varepsilon u_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . It is easy to check that under this limit the extension  $a_1$  turns to  $d_1$ . The limit of the system (3.22), (3.23) with  $s_2 = 0$  can be easily found. The general solution of the system thus obtained is given by  $h = c_1(u_2 - u_1)^{1+s_1+s_3+s_4} + h_1$ , where  $h_1$  is the general solution of (5.35). Let  $h_1, h_2$  be solutions of (5.35), and  $h_3 = (u_2 - u_1)^{1+s_1+s_3+s_4}$ . Then the limit procedure in (5.36) gives rise to

$$F(p, u_1, u_2) = Q \times \left( (1 + s_1 + s_3 + s_4)h_1(p - u_1) + u_1(u_1 - 1)h_1' \right),$$

where

$$Q = (u_2 - u_1)^{1+s_1+s_3+s_4} (u_1 - 1)^{-1-s_1-s_4} u_1^{-1-s_1-s_3}.$$

As usual, the most degenerate cases in classification of integrable PDEs could be interesting for applications. In our classification they are Case 5,  $c_2$  and Case 6. The Benney chain (see Examples 1 and 1-1) belongs to Case 5, case  $c_2$  (i.e  $g_2 = p$ ). Any GT-family has the form  $F = f_1(u_1, u_2)p + f_2(u_1, u_2)$ . If  $f_1 = 1$  then  $F = p + k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1$ . The Benney case corresponds to

$k_1 = k_2 = 0$ . For arbitrary  $k_i$  we get the Kupershmidt chain [16]. In the case  $f_1 = A(u_1)$ ,  $A' \neq 0$  we obtain:

$$f_1 = k_2 \exp(\lambda u_1) + k_1, \quad f_2 = k_2 k_3 \exp(\lambda u_1) + \lambda k_1 (k_3 u_1 - u_2).$$

In the generic case

$$F = \exp(\lambda u_2)(S_1(u_1)p + S_2(u_1)),$$

where the functions  $S_i$  can be expressed in terms of the Airy functions.

## 6 Trivial GT-system and 2+1-dimensional integrable hydrodynamic chains

It was observed in [11] that (2+1)-dimensional systems of hydrodynamic type with the trivial GT-system usually admit some integrable multi-dimensional generalizations. For the chains such GT-system is defined by (4.34). That is why the Case 6 is of a great importance in our classification. The automorphisms of (4.34) are given by

$$p_j \rightarrow p_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \quad u_i \rightarrow \nu u_i + \gamma_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots; \quad (6.38)$$

$$p_j \rightarrow ap_j + b, \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \quad u_i \rightarrow a^{i-1}u_i + (i-1)a^{i-2}bu_{i-2} + \dots + b^{i-1}u_1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

The corresponding GT-families are of the form  $F(p) = A(u_1, u_2)p + B(u_1, u_2)$ , where  $A(x, y), B(x, y)$  satisfies the following system of PDEs:

$$\begin{aligned} AB_{yy} &= A_y B_y, & AB_{xy} &= A_y B_x, & AB_{xx} &= A_x B_x, \\ AA_{yy} &= A_y^2, & AA_{xy} &= A_x A_y, & AA_{xx} &= A_x^2 + A_x B_y - A_y B_x. \end{aligned} \quad (6.39)$$

This system can be easily solved in elementary functions. For each solution formula (4.29) defines the corresponding integrable chain (1.1).

It follows from (6.39) that there are two types of  $u_2$ -dependence:

**1** (generic case).  $F(p) = \exp(\lambda u_2)(a(u_1)p + b(u_1)),$

**2.**  $F(p) = a(u_1)p + \lambda u_2 + b(u_1).$

In the first case there are two subcases:  $b' \neq 0$  and  $b' = 0$ . The first subcase gives rise to

$$a = \sigma', \quad b = k_1 \sigma \quad \sigma(x) = c_1 \exp(\mu_1 x) + c_2 \exp(\mu_2 x), \quad \text{where} \quad c_1 c_2 (\lambda k_1 - \mu_1 \mu_2) = 0.$$

The second subcase leads to

$$b = c_1, \quad a(x) = c_2 \exp(\mu x) + c_3, \quad \text{where} \quad c_2(c_1 \lambda - c_3 \mu) = 0.$$

The same subcases for the case 2 yield

$$a = \sigma', \quad b = k_1 \sigma \quad \sigma(x) = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 \exp(\mu x), \quad \text{where} \quad c_3(\lambda - c_2 \mu) = 0,$$

and

$$b = c_1, \quad a(x) = c_2 \exp(\mu x) + c_3, \quad \text{where} \quad c_2(\lambda - c_3\mu) = 0.$$

It is easy to verify that in the generic case the function  $F$  can be reduced by (6.38) to the form

$$F(p) = e^{u_2+u_1}(p-1) + e^{u_2-u_1}(p+1).$$

In this case the corresponding chain reads as

$$u_{k,t} = (e^{u_2+u_1} + e^{u_2-u_1})u_{k+1,x} + (e^{u_2-u_1} - e^{u_2+u_1})u_{k,x}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6.40)$$

As usual, this chain is the first member of an infinite hierarchy. The second flow of this hierarchy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u_{k,\tau} = & (e^{u_2+u_1} + e^{u_2-u_1})u_{k+2,x} + (u_3 - u_1)(e^{u_2+u_1} + e^{u_2-u_1})u_{k+1,x} + \\ & (e^{u_2+u_1}(u_1 - u_3 - 1) + e^{u_2-u_1}(u_3 - u_1 - 1))u_{k,x}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

In the case 2 with  $c_3 = \lambda = 0, k_1 = 1$  we get the chain

$$u_{k,t} = u_{k+1,x} + u_1 u_{k,x}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6.41)$$

This chain is equivalent to the chain of the so-called universal hierarchy [17]. The chain (6.41) is a degeneration of the chain

$$u_{k,t} = u_{k+1,x} + u_2 u_{k,x}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6.42)$$

Following the line of [3, 11] it is not difficult to find (2+1)-dimensional integrable generalizations for all (1+1)-dimensional integrable chains constructed above. Some families of functions  $F$  described above linearly depend on two parameters. Denote these parameters by  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$ . The corresponding integrable chain

$$u_{k,t} = \gamma_1(\phi_{k,1}u_{1,x} + \dots + \phi_{k,k+1}u_{k+1,x}) + \gamma_2(\psi_{k,1}u_{1,x} + \dots + \psi_{k,k+1}u_{k+1,x})$$

is also linear in  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$ . We claim that the following (2+1)-dimensional chain

$$u_{k,t} = (\phi_{k,1}u_{1,x} + \dots + \phi_{k,k+1}u_{k+1,x}) + (\psi_{k,1}u_{1,y} + \dots + \psi_{k,k+1}u_{k+1,y}) \quad (6.43)$$

is integrable from the viewpoint of the method of hydrodynamic reductions. For each case the reductions can be easily described.

For example, in the generic case

$$F(p) = \gamma_1 e^{u_2+u_1}(p-1) + \gamma_2 e^{u_2-u_1}(p+1)$$

formula (6.43) yields (2+1)-dimensional chain

$$u_{k,t} = e^{u_2+u_1}(u_{k+1,x} - u_{k,x}) + e^{u_2-u_1}(u_{k+1,y} + u_{k,y}), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6.44)$$

After a change of variables of the form

$$x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}x, \quad y \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}y, \quad u_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}u_0, \quad u_2 \rightarrow u_1 + \frac{1}{2}u_0, \quad u_3 \rightarrow -2u_2 + \frac{1}{2}u_0, \dots$$

(6.44) can be written as

$$u_{0,t} = e^{u_1}u_{0,y} + e^{u_1}(u_{1,y} - e^{u_0}u_{1,x}), \quad u_{i,t} = e^{u_0+u_1}u_{i,x} + e^{u_1}(e^{u_0}u_{i+1,x} - u_{i+1,y}), \quad (6.45)$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Probably (6.45) is a first example of a (2+1)-dimensional chain integrable from the viewpoint of the hydrodynamic reduction approach.

Triangular GT-systems related to integrable (2+1)-dimensional chains with fields  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots$  have the form

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i p_j &= f_1(p_i, q_i, p_j, q_j, u_0, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_0, & \partial_i q_j &= f_2(p_i, q_i, p_j, q_j, u_0, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_0, \\ \partial_i \partial_j u_0 &= h(p_i, q_i, p_j, q_j, u_0, \dots, u_n) \partial_i u_0 \partial_j u_0, \\ \partial_i u_k &= g_k(p_i, q_i, u_0, \dots, u_{k+1}) \partial_i u_0, & k &= 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (6.46)$$

Here  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, 3$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_3, q_1, \dots, q_3, u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots$ , are functions of  $r^1, r^2, r^3$ . In particular, the GT-system associated with (6.45) has the form:

$$\partial_i p_j = \partial_i \partial_j u_0 = 0, \quad \partial_i q_j = \left( \frac{p_i q_i - p_j q_j}{p_i - p_j} - q_i q_j \right) \partial_i u_0, \quad \partial_i u_k = -\frac{p_i}{(p_i - 1)^k} \partial_i u_0.$$

The hydrodynamic reductions of (6.45) is given by the pair of semi-hamiltonian (1+1)-dimensional systems

$$r_y^i = e^{u_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q_i} \right) r_x^i, \quad r_t^i = e^{u_0+u_1} \left( \frac{1}{(p_i - 1)q_i} + 1 \right) r_x^i.$$

Chain (6.45) is the first member of an infinite hierarchy of pairwise commuting flows where the corresponding "times" are  $t_1 = t, t_2, t_3, \dots$ . These flows and their hydrodynamic reductions can be described in terms of the generating function  $U(z) = u_1 + u_2 z + u_3 z^2 + \dots$ . The hierarchy is given by

$$D(z)u_0 = e^{U(z)} \left( u_{0,y} + U(z)_y - e^{u_0} U(z)_x \right),$$

$$D(z_1)U(z_2) = e^{u_0+U(z_1)} U(z_2)_x + (1 + z_1) e^{U(z_1)} \left( e^{u_0} \frac{U(z_1)_x - U(z_2)_x}{z_1 - z_2} - \frac{U(z_1)_y - U(z_2)_y}{z_1 - z_2} \right),$$

where  $D(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} + z \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} + z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} + \dots$ . The reductions can be written as

$$D(z)r^i = e^{u_0+U(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{1+z}{(p_i - 1 - z)q_i} \right) r_x^i.$$

Other (2+1)-dimensional integrable chains related to 2-dimensional vector spaces of solutions for system (6.39) are degenerations of (6.45). In particular  $F = \gamma_1 e^{u_1} p + \gamma_2 (p + u_2)$  leads to the following (2+1)-dimensional integrable generalization of (6.44):

$$u_{k,t} = e^{u_1} u_{k+1,x} + u_{k+1,y} + u_2 u_{k,y}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



**Conjecture.** Any chain of the form (6.43) integrable by the hydrodynamic reduction method is a degeneration of (6.45).

We are planning to consider the problem of classification of integrable chains (6.43) in a separate paper.

## 7 Infinitesimal symmetries of triangular GT-systems

A scientific way to construct the functions  $g_3, g_4, \dots$  for different cases from Proposition 1 is related to infinitesimal symmetries of the corresponding GT-system<sup>1</sup>. The whole Lie algebra of symmetries is one the most important algebraic structures related to any triangular GT-system (4.25). In particular, this algebra acts on the hierarchy of the commuting flows for the corresponding chain (1.1).

A vector field

$$S = \sum_{j=1}^N X(p_j, u_1, \dots, u_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_m(u_1, \dots, u_{k_m}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_m}, \quad \frac{\partial Y_m}{\partial u_{k_m}} \neq 0 \quad (7.47)$$

is called a *symmetry* of the triangular GT-system (4.25) if it commutes with all  $\partial_i$ . Notice that it follows from the definition that

$$S(\partial_i u_1) = \partial_i(Y_1).$$

We call (7.47) a symmetry of shift  $d$  if  $k_m = m + d$  for  $m \gg 0$ . Let  $M$  be the minimal integer such that  $k_m = m + d, m > M$ . If the functions  $g_i, i = 1, \dots, M + d$  from (4.25) are known, then the functions  $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_M$  can be found from the compatibility conditions

$$S(\partial_i p_j) = \partial_i S(p_j), \quad S(\partial_i u_k) = \partial_i S(u_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, M.$$

The functions  $Y_{M+1}, Y_{M+2}, \dots$  can be chosen arbitrarily. After that  $g_{M+d+1}, g_{M+d+2}, \dots$  are uniquely defined by the remaining compatibility conditions.

**The generic case 1,  $\mathbf{a}_1$ .** Looking for symmetries of shift one, we find  $X = Y_1 = 0$  and  $M = 1$ . Hence without loss of generality we can take

$$S = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} u_{m+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_m}$$

for the symmetry. This fact gives us a way to construct all functions  $g_i, i > 3$  in the infinite triangular extension for the case 1,  $\mathbf{a}_1$ . Indeed, it follows from the commutativity conditions  $S(\partial_i u_k) = \partial_i S(u_k)$  that  $g_{k+1} = S(g_k)$ , where  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ . In particular,

$$g_3 = \frac{(p_j - u_1)(2p_j u_2 - p_j - u_2^2)u_3}{u_1(u_1 - 1)(p_j - u_2)^2}.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Note that these functions are not unique because of the triangular group of symmetries (1.2) acting on the fields  $u_3, u_4, \dots$

The functions  $g_i$  thus constructed are not linear in  $u_3$ . The corresponding chain (1.1) is equivalent to the chain constructed in Section 5 but not so simple.

It would be interesting to describe the Lie algebra of all symmetries in this case. Here we present the essential part for symmetry of shift 2:

$$X = \frac{p_j(p_j - 1)u_3^2}{(p_j - u_2)u_2(u_2 - 1)}, \quad Y_1 = \frac{u_1(u_1 - 1)u_3^2}{(u_1 - u_2)u_2(u_2 - 1)},$$

$$Y_2 = -\frac{3}{2}u_4 + \frac{(2u_1 - 1)u_3^2}{u_2(u_2 - 1)} + u_3. \quad \square$$

**The case 1,  $\mathbf{d}_1$ .** One can add fields  $u_3, \dots$  in such a way that the whole triangular GT-system admits the following symmetry of shift 1:

$$S = \frac{u_2}{u_1(u_1 - 1)} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i(p_i - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} u_{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}.$$

As in the previous example, one can easily recover the whole GT-system. For example,

$$\partial_i u_3 = \left( \frac{u_3(p_i + u_1 - 1)}{u_1(u_1 - 1)} + \frac{2u_2^2 p_i(p_i - 1)}{u_1^2(u_1 - 1)^2} \right) \partial_i u_1. \quad \square$$

Below we describe the symmetry algebra for the case 5,  $c_2$  (in particular, for the Benney chain).

**The case 5,  $\mathbf{c}_2$ .** For the triangular GT-system (1.7), (1.8) there exists an infinite Lie algebra of symmetries  $S_i, i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $S_i$  is a symmetry of shift  $i$ . The simplest symmetries are the following:

$$S_{-2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} \left( -u_{i-2} + \sum_{k+m=i-3} u_k u_m - \sum_{k+m+l=i-4} u_k u_m u_l + \dots \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i},$$

$$S_{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i-1) u_{i-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i},$$

$$S_0 = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i+1) u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i},$$

$$S_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N (p_j^2 + 3u_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i+3) u_{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k+m=i} u_k u_m \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} 3(i-1) u_1 u_{i-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i},$$

$$S_2 = \sum_{j=1}^N (p_j^3 + 4u_1 p_j + 5u_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i+5) u_{i+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4i u_1 u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} 5(i-1) u_2 u_{i-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k+m=i+1} 3u_k u_m \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} \sum_{k+m+l=i} u_k u_m u_l \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}.$$

The whole algebra is generated by  $S_1, S_2, S_{-1}, S_{-2}$ . It is isomorphic to the Virasoro algebra with zero central charge.

Let  $D_{t_i}$  be the vector fields corresponding to commuting flows for the Benney chain. Here  $D_{t_1} = D_x$ ,  $D_{t_2} = D_t$ . Then the commutator relations

$$[S_1, D_{t_i}] = (i+1)D_{t_{i+1}}$$

hold. Thus the vector field  $S_1$  plays the role of a master-symmetry for the Benney hierarchy.  $\square$

**The case 6.** In this case there exist infinitesimal symmetries of form

$$T_i = u_{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + u_{i+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} + \dots, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$S_i = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j^{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} + u_{i+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} + 2u_{i+3} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} + 3u_{i+4} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_4} + \dots, \quad i = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Note that  $[S_i, S_j] = (j-i)S_{i+j}$ ,  $[T_i, T_j] = 0$ ,  $[S_i, T_j] = jT_{i+j}$ .  $\square$

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